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**1 — EPA's power grab, Water rule beyond its authority, Ark. Online, 9/26/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/26/epa-s-power-grab-20150926/>

In the 11th hour of a court dispute, Arkansas landowners were granted a temporary reprieve from an unprecedented expansion of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) jurisdiction, the Waters of the U.S. rule (WOTUS). This new rule, advertised as a harmless effort to keep our water clean, actually implements the most restrictive land-use requirements imposed in decades.

**2 — U.S. faces high cost for fixing old pipes, Ark. Online, 9/27/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/27/u-s-faces-high-cost-for-fixing-old-pipe/>

The ability to provide clean, cheap drinking water is becoming a challenge across the United States, even in water-wealthy Arkansas. Most of the nation's water systems were built in the first half of the 20th century with enormous public and private investment.

**3 — Week ahead: EPA set to release ozone rule, The Hill, 9/28/2015**

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/254994-week-ahead-epa-set-to-release-ozone-rule>

The Environmental Protection Agency is set to release a contentious new rule limiting surface-level ozone pollution.

The agency has proposed tightening the current standard on ozone from 75 parts per billion to 65 or 70 parts per billion.

**4 — NM balks at proposed ozone rules, Albuquerque Journal, 9/26/15**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/649984/news/nm-news/nm-balks-at-epa-plan-to-tighten-ozone-rules.html>

New Mexico is caught front and center in a roaring national debate over new anti-smog standards that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is expected to finalize Thursday. State officials and business leaders say the new regulations, which would reduce permissible ozone-producing emissions nationwide, could cost New Mexico billions of dollars in lost economic growth and compliance expenses and thousands of jobs.

**5 — After VW fakery, EPA to change diesel testing, Ark. Online, 9/26/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/sep/26/after-vw-fakery-epa-to-change-diesel-te/>

The Environmental Protection Agency said Friday that it is changing the way it tests for diesel emissions after being duped for seven years by software in Volkswagen cars. In a letter to auto manufacturers, the EPA said it will add on-road testing to its regimen, "using driving cycles and conditions that may reasonably be expected to be encountered in normal operation and use, for the purposes of investigating a potential defeat device" similar to the one used by Volkswagen.

**6 — Texans should control their own energy policies, Express-News, 9/26/2015**

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/Texans-should-control-their-own-energy-policies-6530168.php>

No one likes summer in Texas. Maybe the only thing we like less is how expensive it is to keep the air conditioning on.

Unfortunately for us, the Obama administration just guaranteed that it's going to get even more expensive in the years to come. Last month, the Environmental Protection Agency released the final version of its new carbon regulation, officially known as the Clean Power Plan.

**7 — Bankruptcies pile up, as oil forecasts remain dim, Dallas Morning News, 9/26/2015**

<http://www.dallasnews.com/business/energy/20150925-bankruptcy-courts-mop-up-oil-bust.ece>

Under the fluorescent lights of a courtroom crammed with lawyers and financial advisers, an attorney tries to explain why his client Samson Resources, the Oklahoma oil and gas company, has just filed for bankruptcy. He points to the more than \$4 billion in debt, largely taken on when a group of private equity firms bought the company four years ago.

**8 — Oil & Gas Sector Doubts Need For Proposed EPA Methane Emissions Limit, Inside EPA, 9/24/2015**

<http://insideepa.com/daily-news/oil-gas-sector-doubts-need-proposed-epa-methane-emissions-limit>

Oil and gas industry groups used EPA public hearings this week to question the agency's proposed first-time limit on emissions of the greenhouse gas (GHG) methane from the sector, noting that the previous 2012 new source performance standards (NSPS) drilling air rule already achieves methane cuts as a co-benefit of other pollution controls. Environmentalists however used their testimony at the recent hearings to reiterate their support for mandatory caps on the potent GHG methane

**9 — Worst-case Scenario: Officials in Cushing Consider Plan for Larger Quakes, State Impact, 9/25/2015**

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/>

Eleven magnitude 3.0 or greater earthquakes have been recorded near the Cushing oil hub since April 4. "Oil companies could easily respond if one tank were damaged, he said. But there's no way for local first responders to have a worst-case scenario preparedness plan if all storage tanks were damaged by large earthquakes," Sarah Terry-Cobo reports.

**10 — EPA boosts auto emissions testing after Volkswagen scandal, Greenwire, 9/25/2015**

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2015/09/25/stories/1060025334>

U.S. EPA officials today said they are ramping up emissions testing across the auto industry, seeking to regain public confidence after last week's revelation that Volkswagen had gotten away with cheating for years. In a letter sent today to all car manufacturers, the agency said it may require testing on any vehicle under real-world driving conditions with the goal of detecting "defeat devices" similar to what VW has admitted to using on four-cylinder diesel-fueled vehicles from model years 2009 through 2015.

**11 — Analysis: When "We" Doesn't Include You, Texas Tribune, 9/23/2015**

<http://www.texastribune.org/2015/09/23/analysis-texas-railroad-commission-letter/>

What happens when an elected official says "we" is that we think they're talking about us — the people who elected them. Sometimes, that's right. In fact, it's right most of the time. Not at the Texas Railroad Commission. It's a three-person state commission elected by Texas voters and seemingly owned and operated by the oil and gas industry it regulates